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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application, of which, claims 8-21 are allowed. By the Amendment, claims 1, 4, 7, 22, and 23 are amended. No new matter has been added to the application. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including original claims and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication in the Office Action, at page 6, that claims 8-21 are allowed. Applicants also acknowledge the indication in the Office Action, at page 2, that the finality of the Office Action mailed March 10, 2004 is withdrawn.

The Office Action, at page 2, rejects claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and submit that the rejection is obviated by the above amendment to claim 22. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action, at page 3, rejects claims 1-3 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Applicants' submitted related art in view of Kuriyama. The Office Action, at page 4, rejects claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Applicants' submitted related art in view of Kuriyama, and further in view of Ishii et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,531,995, hereinafter "Ishii"). The Office Action, at page 5, rejects claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Applicants' submitted related art in view of Kuriyama, and further in view of Matsuzaki et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,939,828, hereinafter "Matsuzaki"). Since the references, alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest all the features of the claims, the rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 is directed to a plasma display panel (PDP) having discharge cells arranged in a matrix, that includes the features of sustaining electrodes formed at and traversing the boundary portions between the discharge cells. Applicants respectfully submit that such features are neither disclosed nor suggested by Applicants' submitted related art, Kuriyama, or the combination thereof.

The Office Action, at page 3, asserts that Applicants' submitted related art discloses a PDP having discharge cells in which sustaining electrodes are formed at the boundary portions between the discharge cells. However, Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants' submitted related art fails to disclose or suggest at least the features of sustaining electrodes formed at and traversing the boundary portions between the discharge cells. Applicants respectfully submit that Kuriyama also fails to disclose or suggest at least the features of sustaining electrodes formed at and traversing the boundary portions between the discharge cells. Thus, not even the combination of Applicants' submitted related art and Kuriyama discloses or suggests at least the features of claim 1.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is allowable. With respect to claims 4, 5, and 7, Applicants also respectfully submit that Ishii and Matsuzaki, respectively, also fail to disclose or suggest at least the features of sustaining electrodes formed at and traversing the boundary portions between the discharge cells. Claims 2-7 depend from claim 1, and thus are allowable for at least the same reasons, as well as additional patentable features recited therein, and the combinations thereof. Withdrawal of the

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rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Office Action fails to set forth a statutory basis for rejecting claims 22 and 23 over the cited art. Nevertheless, insofar as the Office Action, at pages 5 and 6, concludes that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to incorporate the teachings of Kuriyama into Applicants' submitted related art to render claims 21 and 22 obvious, Applicants respectfully disagree.

Independent claim 22 is directed to a PDP that includes the features of first and second sustaining electrodes at opposing boundaries of a discharge cell, the first and second sustaining electrode extending across the opposing boundaries between adjacent discharge cells. For at least the reasons similar to those set forth above with respect to claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that such features are neither disclosed nor suggested by Applicants' submitted related art, Kuriyama, or the combination thereof. Claim 23 depends from claim 22, and thus is allowable for at least the same reasons, as well as additional patentable features recited therein, and the combinations thereof. Thus, Applicants submit that claims 22 and 23 are in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **Garth D. Richmond**, at the telephone number listed below. In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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